

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 30, 2016

SENATE BILL

No. 1147

Introduced by Senator Galgiani

February 18, 2016

An act to ~~amend Section 25270.2 of~~ *add Chapter 6.78 (commencing with Section 25299.210) to Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to hazardous materials.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1147, as amended, Galgiani. Hazardous materials: aboveground storage tanks.

The Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act, implemented by the unified program agencies, generally regulates aboveground storage tanks that contain petroleum and that meet certain requirements. The act requires the owner or operator of an aboveground storage tank that meets certain specifications to prepare a spill prevention control and countermeasure plan and to implement the plan in compliance with specified federal law. The act requires the unified program agency to inspect each storage tank or a representative sampling of the storage tanks at a single location at least once every 3 years for purposes of determining whether the owner or operator is in compliance with that plan. The act defines an "aboveground storage tank" as a tank that has the capacity to store 55 gallons or more of petroleum and that is substantially or totally above the surface of the ground or a tank in an underground area, as defined, except for certain types of tanks and vessels.

This bill would require an aboveground storage tank with a storage capacity of more than 1,100 gallons to be replaced when the storage tank reaches the end of its useful life, as determined by the manufacturer's guidelines, and would require an aboveground storage

tank with a storage capacity of more than 5,000 gallons purchased before January 1, 2017, to be replaced on or before December 31, 2027. The bill would require an aboveground storage tank of any capacity to be replaced if it presents an immediate risk to public health or safety or the environment. The bill would require a storage tank required to be replaced pursuant to these provisions to be replaced with a storage tank that meets a certain standard. The bill would require an aboveground storage tank purchased on and after January 1, 2017, to meet that same standard. To the extent it would impose additional duties on the unified program agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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~~This bill would amend the definition of “aboveground storage tank” to mean a tank that has the capacity to store 55 gallons or more of transportation fuel and that is substantially or totally above the surface of the ground or a tank in an underground area, as defined, except for certain types of tanks and vessels. The bill would define “transportation fuel” to include petroleum, ethanol, and biodiesel.~~

~~By expanding the kinds of aboveground storage tanks that would be regulated by the act, the bill would expand the application of a crime, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.~~

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6.78 (commencing with Section
2 25299.210) is added to Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code,
3 to read:

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5 CHAPTER 6.78. ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK STANDARD

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7 25299.210. For purposes of this chapter, “aboveground storage
8 tank” or “storage tank” has the same meaning specified in Section
9 25270.2.

10 25299.215. (a) An aboveground storage tank with a storage
11 capacity of more than 1,100 gallons shall be replaced when the
12 storage tank reaches the end of its useful life, as determined by
13 the manufacturer’s guidelines.

14 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), an aboveground storage
15 tank with a storage capacity of more than 5,000 gallons that was
16 purchased before January 1, 2017, shall be replaced on or before
17 December 31, 2027.

18 (c) An aboveground storage tank of any storage capacity shall
19 be replaced if the storage tank presents an immediate risk to public
20 health or safety or the environment.

21 (d) An aboveground storage tank required to be replaced
22 pursuant to this section shall be replaced with a storage tank that
23 meets UL 142, the Standard for Safety for Steel Aboveground Tanks
24 for Flammable and Combustible Liquids, as established by
25 Underwriters Laboratories.

26 25299.220. An aboveground storage tank purchased on and
27 after January 1, 2017, shall meet UL 142, the Standard for Safety
28 for Steel Aboveground Tanks for Flammable and Combustible
29 Liquids, as established by Underwriters Laboratories.

30 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
31 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
32 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service
33 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or
34 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section
35 17556 of the Government Code.

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**All matter omitted in this version of the bill
appears in the bill as introduced in the
Senate, February 18, 2016. (JR11)**

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